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ON PASSAGE OF H.R. 1, THE NO
CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to support H.R. 1, a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It is a good bill, but it is far from a perfect bill.

H.R. 1 substantially expands authorized funding levels targeted to America's neediest children. I am pleased that this bill excludes voucher provisions that would have stripped scarce funds from our public schools. Further, keeping out the Straight A's state block grant programs was the right thing to do.

Even though I voted for this bill, I have some strong reservations about it that I hope will be worked out in the conference committee. First, the new testing requirements in grades three through eight are an unfunded mandate by the federal government on our local schools. Second, I am deeply disappointed that neither class size reduction nor school construction was addressed in this bill.

I applaud the work of the Education and the Workforce Committee for writing a bipartisan bill to strengthen education for all of our children. There is much more work to be done, however, to ensure that every child in America receives the education they deserve. We need to renew our commitment to fully fund special education, lower class sizes, and attract and retain qualified, committed teachers. I hope H.R. 1 will reflect these priorities.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP ROGER W.
GRIES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Bishop Roger W. Gries upon being named Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland.

Bishop Roger W. Gries has served the Cleveland and world communities in countless ways. He was originally baptized on April 11, 1937 at Holy Trinity Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Early in his education he attended Benedictine High School. Upon graduation he attended Saint John's University and eventually Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. His faith and love then brought him to Saint Joseph Seminary, Blessed Sacrament Fathers, in Cleveland, Ohio.

After ordination in 1963, Bishop Gries served his community in many ways. He origi-

nally taught at Benedictine High School. However, soon thereafter his peers recognized his special gift for education and he later served as Assistant Principal, and then Principal. He then served as Abbot to the Saint Andrew Abbey from 1981-2001. He still serves today at St. Hyacinth Church in Cleveland.

Bishop Gries' joy and strong faith is apparent after listening to any of his sermons. His kind-spirited and good-nature has brought countless people to his church. His dedication, generosity, and love to his members is like no other; he truly cares for all people. We, as a community, are blessed to have people like Bishop Gries in our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Gries has served his community selflessly. His love and talent has led him to numerous churches and schools in the Cleveland area where he has shared his faith. Please join me in celebration and recognition of Bishop Roger W. Gries on his naming to Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland.

A TRIBUTE TO ONE WORLD-ONE
HEART, INC.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the contributions of One World-One Heart, Inc. and it's supporting organizations for their work that exemplifies our nation's unity, respect for your neighbor, and cultural exchange through inter-generational activities and programs.

One World-One Heart, Inc. a New York based non-profit organization, provides access to educational, recreational, cultural and intergenerational programs for participants from all ethnic, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds. The organization also provides programs at the elementary, high school and senior citizen level that encourage intergenerational interaction, respect for peers, and multicultural appreciation and understanding.

Every year in June, the organization partners with other long standing organizations that share the philosophy of service to community and creates free public events to disseminate positive messages in a fun way. "The Taste of Pizza" Month, which continues to expand every year, includes a wide range of communities. In four short years, the campaign has mobilized other non-profits; educators, community leaders, business, and elected officials to help spread the message of non-violence in our schools; unity and multicultural appreciation to youths and adults alike.

The message is disseminated through pizza. Pizza serves as a symbol of the rich diversity of our society and is used by educators to explain concepts in areas of mathematics, history, and culture.

Certainly the message is a simple, but powerful one. One World-One Heart and its supporters, by taking the program nation-wide will celebrate it's citizens and supporting organizations from coast to coast including World Champion Dough Thrower, Tony Gernignani; PMQ Magazine; Pizza Hut; Sharing in Neighborhood Experiences (SHINE); Plainview Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School; Cox

Radio, Inc., Clear Channel Communications, and others; who will help to present a series of free public events and in-school programs. At the end of the program, all will enjoy, "Tony Modica's Pizza Dance" a celebratory group dance which was created specifically for the first "pizza" celebration.

We all have more in common than we sometimes can imagine. It is through the recognition of commonalities, such as pizza, which help to break down barriers of misinformation and misunderstanding. One World-One Heart, Inc. and its supporters are positive examples of how private citizens and non-profit organizations can make a difference in the community with the support of business and government.

It is for these reasons that I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing, One World-One Heart, Inc. and the "Pizza" in proclaiming June, "National Taste of Pizza" Month.

TRIBUTE TO JOY FISHER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to both honor and thank Ms. Joy Fisher for her astounding dedication to her volunteer work. Over the past decade, Ms. Fisher has spent many hours volunteering at the Colorado Bureau of Land Management, the Seniors' Resource Center and the Library of the Blind. The time she has dedicated to the BLM, alone, totals more than 15,600 hours.

Beyond the numerous hours Ms. Fisher has donated, this 89-year old woman deserves credit for her courtesy, professionalism, optimism and her love of life. She has earned the respect of those who know her and made all those whom she has helped feel welcome. Her dedication and hard work should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Ms. Fisher's selfless commitment to volunteerism, her passion for life and her dedication to those organizations she works for is admirable. Mr. Speaker, I would again, like to thank her on behalf of the people of Colorado.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES ITS SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize today a group of very special young men and women from Central New Jersey. One of the most important duties of a Member of Congress, as well as one of the most enjoyable, is nominating students to the United States service academies. In an age when media portrayals of young people are increasingly negative, getting to know students through the nomination process is an important reminder of the patriotism, sense of purpose, dedication to service and excellence of America's youth.

From a pool of over 40 students from my district who went through the rigorous and time-consuming process of applying for a Congressional nomination, I am very proud to say